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Jonathan D. Farrar assumed the position of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor in November 2005. Prior to this assignment, he had been serving as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs since August 2004.

Mr. Farrar's career includes extensive experience in Latin America, with overseas assignments at the U.S. embassies in Mexico, Belize, Paraguay, and Uruguay. His most recent overseas posting was as Deputy Chief of Mission in Montevideo, Uruguay. Mr. Farrar also has had several domestic assignments in the State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, including service as deputy director of the Office of Andean Affairs and as country desk officer for Argentina. Mr. Farrar has served twice on the staff of the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, most recently as chief of staff to the Under Secretary from 2002 to 2004.

Jonathan Farrar joined the State Department in 1980 and is an economic officer and career member of the Senior Foreign Service. He is the recipient of two State Department Superior Honor Awards and four Meritorious Honor Awards. Mr. Farrar was born in Los Angeles, California, and studied at California State Polytechnic University Pomona, Claremont Graduate School, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He speaks Spanish and some Portuguese. Mr. Farrar is married and has three children.